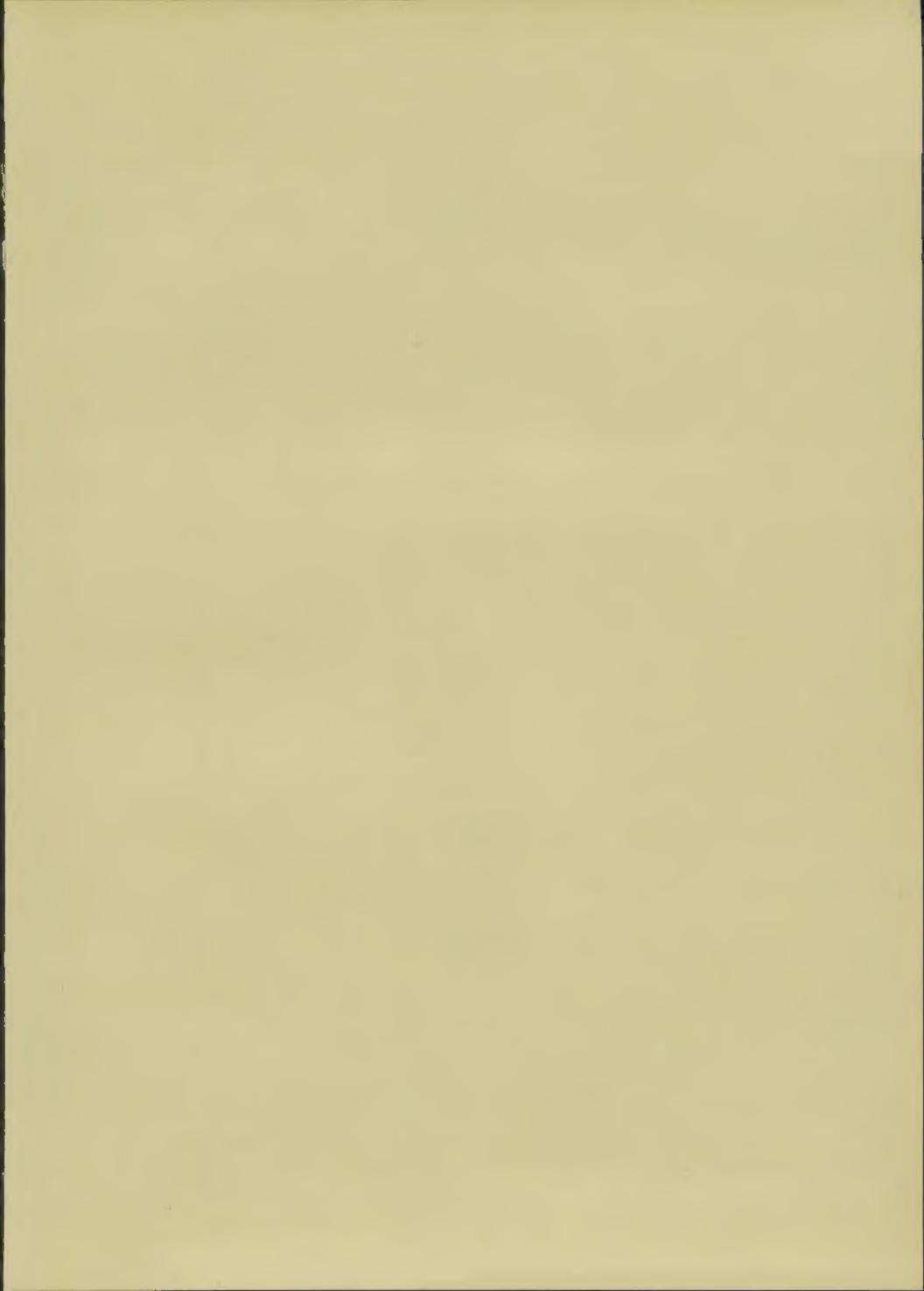


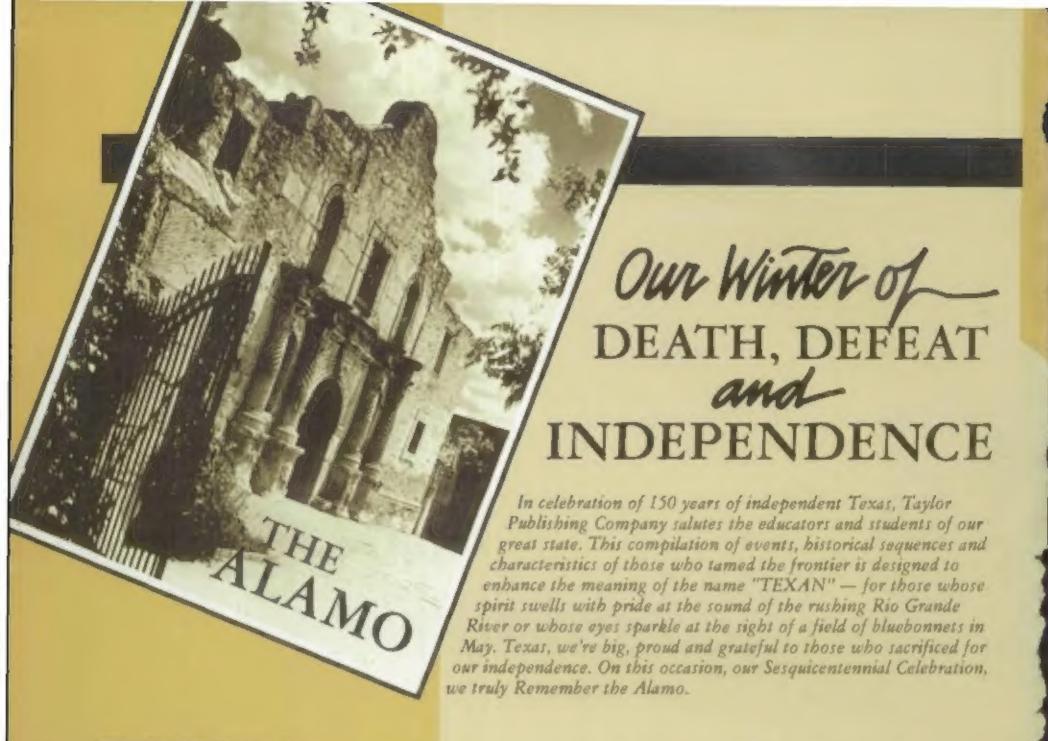
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evenge cast an angry shadow over Mexican troops gathered on Jan. 25, 1836. Anglo-American colonists in Texas no longer wished

to remain part of Mexico. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, Mexico's president, was to lead an expedition against the rebel colonists.

The Mexican army had already suffered defeat in San Antonio at the hands of Colonel J.H. Moore and about 160 Texans. This loss outraged Mexico's General Cos who was determined to chastise Texans for opening his personal mail. General Cos ordered Colonel Domingo de Ugartechea, commander of troops in San Antonio, to recover a cannon given to Texans for defense against the Indians. On Sept. 29, the Mexican force encamped on the west bank of the Guadalupe River, a short distance from the town. Armed with scrap metal, chains and the disputed cannon -loaded and flagged with a banner inscribed, "COME AND TAKE IT," - the courageous and fiery Texans sent the Mexican army scurrying back to San Antonio. One Mexican was killed.

The revolution had begun.

Santa Anna wanted revenge. But this time, Mexico was prepared. Six thousand Mexican troops crossed the Rio Grande River on Feb. 16 with 21 cannons, 1,800 pack mules, 33 large wagons and 200 carts. Santa Anna wanted to avenge the defeat of General Cos. His first target was a previously indomitable fortress — the Alamo.

When the gates of the Alamo closed, 150 fighting men were quartered against the east and west walls. About 24 civilians hovered in the fort's old church. Among the civilians were David Crockett, ex-congressman from Tenn.; James (Jim) Bowie and William B. Travis. Travis sent out desperate appeals for assistance to nearby forts. No sign of relief appeared.

On Feb. 23, the Mexicans were sighted. Travis sent out two scouts with a final plea for men and provisions; "the men are determined to defend the Alamo at last," he warned. The next day he wrote, "The enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion, but I shall never surrender or

VICTORY OR DEATH."

Just before dawn on March 6, Santa Anna stormed the Alamo. The Texans fought to their deaths. Santa Anna ordered all of the rebel corpses piled on wood and burned. The rebels did not die in vain.

Revolutionary forces were prepared to meet Santa Anna and finally forced a Mexican surrender. But the defenders of the Alamo never knew Texas was already independent.

Taming The NEW FRONTIER



ilm and pictorial essays depict the years before and after the Civil War as the most colorful in Texas history. Four years before the war, in 1860, only the bravest souls settled west of a line extending from Henrietta southward through Belknap, Palo Pinto, Brownwood, Kerrville and

Uvalde to Bracketville.

The lack of protection from the army during the Mexican-American War left settlers in Texas defenseless. Country west of a line drawn from Gainesville to Fredericksburg was abandoned by all but the most courageous. Many lived in stockades and watched each evening in terror as smoke surrounded the summer moon. Charred cabin skeletons stood like enormous gravestones for slaughtered families.

One wanderer, Cowboy John Allen, camped near the Russell family stockade. For his protection the family agreed it would be best for him to move inside. John fell in love with Lucy, the Russell's daughter. John promised to marry Lucy upon his return in one year. Before John's return, Indians raided the Russell ranch and killed the family. Outraged, John sought Lucy's murderer. One day, he sighted a savage Indian holding a shield resembling a stretched deer skin. On the shield was a scalp of beautiful hair —blonde hair like Lucy Russell's.

Reports from the county near Lucy Russell's home show the combined population of two counties declined from 3,752 in 1860 to 1,585 in 1870. Texans raised the hue-and-cry: "We need protection from the Indians by the U.S. Army."

When President Grant assumed office in 1869, peace advocates persuaded him to adopt a policy of diplomacy, rather than force, with regard to the Indian problem in Texas. It wasn't until the raid at Salt Creek in May of 1871 that General of the Army William Tecumseh Sherman and Randolph B. Marcy, inspector general of the Army, recognized and acknowledged the indiscriminate slaughter of settlers in Texas.

The Salt Creek Massacre led to the arrest of Kiowa leader Satana and two other Indian leaders, Satank and Big Tree. Satana refused to stand trial and was shot trying to escape. Satank and Big Tree were tried and convicted for the murders at Salt Creek and sentenced to hang. Their sentences were later commuted to imprisonment. The chiefs

were paroled in August, 1873.

The War Department now unleashed its troops against the Indians, forcing a westward movement that would annihilate the Indian way of life. The movement allowed for the expansion of the Texas range-cattle industry, the existence of farmers and agriculture and the growth of industry.



An endless Indian crusade to prevent extinction of the buffalo resulted in bitter, cruel deaths for both Indians and settlers. The buffalo and the land were both sources of survival, existence and worship for many Indians. Death in defending such rituals was considered honorable. Lithograph taken from the Rare Collection of the Texas/Dallas History and Archives Division, Dallas Public Library.



A Land Rich in HERITAGE

xcept for Alaska, Texas is the largest state in the union with 267,399 square miles of territory extending from the High Plains of the Panhandle to the Gulf of Mexico. An aerial view of Texas would divide our state into three regions: the Atlantic-Gulf Coastal Plain, the Great Plains of Central North America and the Rocky Mountain system. The Coastal Region has heavy soil and a variety of vegetation. East Texas is a region spanned with lush farms and pine forests. The area produces pork, beef, poultry and dairy products. The Central Texas Prairies Region extends from Austin northward to the Red River. Rich, black soils produce grain, cotton and livestock—support crops.

Texas comes from the Spanish word, tejas, meaning "friends" or "allies." Early Spanish explorers and missionaries applied the name to the territory between the Trinity and Red Rivers called the Land of the Indians.

THE INDIANS

The first Europeans found many Indian tribes in Texas and a variety of native cultures — the Caddoans of East Texas; the Karankawas along the Gulf Coast; the Wichita and Tonkowa tribes in Central Texas; the Coahuiltecans, a number of small tribes who lived south of San Antonio; and the Apaches, who lived in the western part of the state and later were forced to share their land with the Comanches.

Among the nomadic Comanches was the famous Quanah Parker, one of the last Comanche war chiefs. He was the son of Chief Nocona and

Cynthia Ann Parker, a captive white woman. The Comanches were superb horsemen and warriors and made life unsafe for settlers until about 1875.

SPANISH AND FRENCH EXPLORERS

In 1519, Alsonso Alvarez de Pineda mapped the Gulf of Mexico's coast. Pineda spent 40 days at the mouth of the Rio Grande River — which he called "River of Palms" — and recommended a settlement be constructed at the site. Two hundred years later the first settlers arrived.

The first Spaniards to enter Texas were Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca and three companions. In 1682, a trader from Canada was the first settler in

The 1763 Treaty of Paris gave Florida to England from Spain in exchange for Spain retaining possession of western Louisiana. Between 1763 and 1821, Texas was ruled by the Spanish, then by Mexico before winning independence.



"Watchin' for Rustlers," from the Rare Collection of the Texas/Dallas History and Archives Division, Dallas Public Library. Circa 1880.

COLONIZATION, REVOLUTION AND PIONEER INSTITUTIONS

Simultaneous with the Mexican Revolution, the Indians slowed the westward expansion of settlers. In 1817, Secretary of War John C. Calhoun initiated the policy of removing all Indians from the American frontier to the Louisiana meridian — the western extremity of the timberlands and beyond. In conjunction with this action, effective in 1825, land laws of Spain and Mexico became more attractive to settlers than those of the United States. By 1820, land was selling for 50 times less in Texas.

The movement of settlers into Texas was largely the story of two men, Moses Austin and his son, Stephen Fuller Austin. On Dec. 3, 1820, the elder Austin approached Gov. Antonio de Martinez in San Antonio, requesting permission to establish a colony of 300 families in Texas. Moses Austin died soon after his return home, and it was Stephen F. Austin, then 27 years old,

A large part of Texas
was once Comanche
country. Pictured here
is Quanah Parker, one
of the last Comanche
war chiefs, son of
Chief Nocona and
Cynthia Ann Parker.
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who would complete his father's task. Stephen F. Austin later earned the title, "Father of Texas."

By the beginning of the Texas revolution, the name "Texan" represented a group of tough, self-reliant individualists. After three centuries of Spanish rule, the sensitive Mexicans were unprepared for self-government.

In 1825, President John Quincy Adams offered Mexico \$1,000,000 for the removal of the border to the Rio Grande River. President Andrew Jackson raised Adams' offer. Again, Mexico declined the offer. It was becoming apparent a violent solution was the only course of action.

Folk tales say Americans never fought better than they did in Texas. They fought for a new way of life — as cattlemen and farmers on the brazen Texas frontier.

While life on the early frontier has sometimes been compared to the Old South, most Texans could only dream of large plantations. They were small subsistence farmers with primitive homes and farming methods. Inadequate frontier transportation systems were later updated to increase the efficiency of mail and cattle delivery and cotton exportation. Early settlers worried about Indians, epidemics, weather and crop failure.

Early Texans acquired a reputation for lawlessness. Settled towns provided a sanctuary for saddle-weary range riders.

In 1850, the state had no spare towns.
Galveston, with its 4,177 citizens, was the largest.
San Antonio and Houston followed. Austin, long buffeted by Indians, had only 639 residents.
Riding the crest of a population boom, San Antonio's population rose to 8,236 by 1860.

The best buildings in town were usually the hotels. Service was often poor. An exception was the full two-and-one-half-story Menger Hotel, on the Alamo Plaza in San Antonio. The building of fine-cut stone, together with its carpets, decorations and furniture, cost \$16,000. Only wealthy people could afford a room in the Menger. The rank-and-file slept in the wagon yards.

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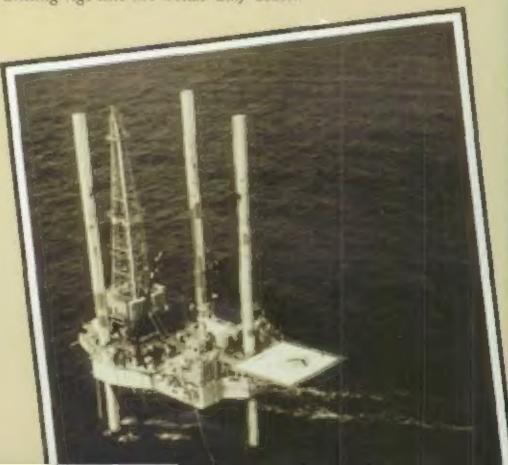
exas in 1900 boasted a population of three million. Cities were growing, lifestyles reflected a diverse cultural background, and effects of industrialization were noticeable. But the state was decidedly rural. Newspapers advertised land and agriculture. The state's leading industries were cotton, cattle and land. For Texas, the 20th century did not begin until Jan. 10, 1901 when the Lucas No. 1 oil well blew out at Spindletop, Texas — near Beaumont — and brought in the state's first gusher. The state's history changed its course at that moment. Oil had come to Texas.

It took six days to cap the Lucas No. 1 as the well spilled an estimated 75,000 barrels of oil each day. Thousands of spectators rushed to see the spectacle. In 1902, Spindletop accounted for 94 percent of the state's oil production.

The salt dome formations around Beaumont were now housing wells within a 150-mile radius which created an oil glut attracting global attention. At one point, oil was selling for three cents-a-barrel while drinking water for oil-field workers sold for five cents-a-cup.

The Texas Gulf Coast became a magnet for large corporations and entrepreneurs. Among those building refineries, pipelines and export facilities in the Port Arthur-Beaumont region were the Gulf Oil, Sun Oil and Texas Companies.

By 1911, a group of Houston investors formed their own company, the Humble Oil and Refining Company, later affiliated with Standard of New Jersey. These smaller, independently-owned oil Today's wildcats are a different breed. As powerful and dangerous as the sea itself, massive offshore drilling rigs line the Texas Gulf Coast.





companies profited from a seemingly inexhaustible supply of crude extracted from the coastal area

If California produced a barrage of panhandlers in 1849 with "gold fever," the discovery of oil recreated the scene in turn-of-the-century Texas "Thar's oil in that thar ground!" Almost too much oil? Maybe for W.T. Waggoner who, in 1910 while drilling a well on his North Texas ranch discovered oil, was quoted as saying, "Damn the oil I wanted water."

By 1920, the state was floating on a sea of oil Petroleum production that year neared 100 million barrels valued at over \$300 million, while natural gas production assumed a distinguished role and produced over \$7 million in revenue Corporations and independent oil companies were working to stabilize the industry, but spectacular booms and massive finds hampered any control

Between 1918 and 1926, the Panhandle opened what was to be the largest gas field in the world By the mid-1930s the Panhandle fields attracted 43 plants that produced over 50 percent of the natural gas extracted in Texas

West Texas attracted attention with the discovery of the Permian Basin, and towns like Colorado City, Big Spring, Midland, Odessa and Pecos experienced a rapid population boom Crane County organized a county government for the first time, significant because as late as 1918 there were only 14 citizens in the county

The Lone Star State has been the nation's leading oil-producing state since 1928. Growth of the oil industry led to activity in Texas banks, real estate and retail trade. Farmers began to look like ranchers, and the term "Texas Millionaire" was

soon adopted. The story of the Texas petroleum industry before the Great Depression is one of spectacle and drama

On Oct. 3, 1930, the No. 3 Daisy Bradford oil well in East Texas created an explosion in oil discovery. The boom was on and independent oil men rushed to the sight. By the end of 1931, the fields in East Texas supported 5,652 wells. The situation led to massive overproduction. The price of oil tumbled. It was time for regulation, and through the efforts of the Texas Railroad Commission, the price of oil was stabilized by limiting production

The oil industry discovered a new growth in the production of oil products — perhaps the greatest impact petroleum has had on Texas. During World War II, the petroleum industry developed into the petrochemical industry. Thousands of variations of plastics, synthetic rubbers, dyes, fertilizers and chemicals were being produced in the Gulf Coast. Permian Basin and Panhandle areas. Production in these areas continues today

Petroleum-related businesses in 1982 employed roughly one out of every 12 non-farmers in the state. For every 10 jobs created in the oil industry, another 37 are created in other sectors of the economy

Government has also prospered from the petroleum industry in Texas, with the oil and gas business claiming the title of the state's single largest taxpayer



survey of Texans' occupations in 1860 reported 2,223 merchants, 1,471 doctors and 850 lawyers. There were 758 clergymen, but only eight architects. Four Texans described themselves as "catchers of wild horses," a

conventional occupation in those days. Among the unexpected occupations reported were four toymakers, six photographers, three actors, five clockmakers and six dancing masters. But of the 43,000 Texans who listed occupations, about 25,000 called themselves farmers.

The most important crop for the marketplace was cotton. The first large-scale cotton planter, Colonel Jared E. Groce, moved to Austin County from Alabama in late 1821. Except for years when pests destroyed the crops, production increased every year. Texas agriculture was ruled by cotton's supremacy for many decades following the cotton boom of 1850. By 1925, Texas farmers harvested 36 percent of the nation's cotton and 20 percent of the cotton grown in the world. Farmers chose to produce sorghum and other varieties of livestock feed in lieu of cotton. Acreage devoted to livestock feed increased from 23,000 to 1,701,000 acres from 1879 to 1929

Cotton yields decreased in 1892 when the boll weevil destroyed crops after crossing the Rio Grande River and again in the 1930s because of the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl.

Although cotton was the cash crop in early Texas, corn was indispensable. To a large extent, corn sustained the people and livestock of Texas. Sweet potatoes ranked next to corn in importance. Other crops included Irish potatoes, wheat, beans, peas and melons. Whereas, livestock included poultry, hogs, horses, sheep, goats and cattle. Citrus fruits were a profitable commercial crop and, by 1929, 85 percent of Texas' five million citrus trees grew the delicious Texas Ruby Red Grapefruit

During the 1880s, sugar production increased on 5,000 acres and 45 plantations in Brazoria, Ft Bend, Matagorda and Wharton counties. This area became known as the "Sugar Bowl." The sugar industry grew until weather caused its demise

Commercial farming decreased drastically in the 1930s. Since the Depression, farming patterns have changed. Between 1935 and 1980, the

number of farms declined from 501,014 to 186,000 as the rural population fell from 59 to 17

percent

Scientific irrigation methods and the need for modern farm equipment transformed the farming trade into a large, profitable industry. While there are fewer farmers today, the average size of a Texas farm between 1930 and 1980 grew from 275 to 744 acres. Cotton remains king and today nets the Texas economy more than \$1 billion annually. Texas continues to grow more cotton than any other state in the nation.

Cotton was spun and woven into cloth. Within a year, one Texan wrote in his diary he made a wheel, a coffin, a churn, a cradle, a pump auger, an ox yoke and a pair of shoes. By the turn-of-the-century, ready-made goods were rapidly replacing homemade materials and life on the early Texas farm slowly evolved into a sophisticated, late 20th century industry.

LIFE ON THE FARMS: A PIONEER LEGEND

Agrarian efforts of the Spaniards in the 18th century laid the foundation for the formal organization of farming and ranching in Texas Missionaries adopted a life of farming for their own survival.

The first settlers, those who followed Stephen F. Austin, were lured by cheap land. In 1821, for only a filing fee, a family would be granted a labor of land (177 acres) for farming and a league of land (4,428 acres) for grazing

The farm population boom occurred with the passage of the Homestead Act of 1854. This act gave 160 acres of land to anyone who resided on

the land for more than three years.

Homestead life was austere. The double log cabin was the most popular form of housing liconsisted of two rooms under a continuous real Usually, a front porch extended the length of the cabin. Chimneys were commonly made of sticks covered with mud. Floors were optional. Spaces between the logs were filled with clay or mortar.

The Germans in Texas built better houses than other settlers, frequently using stone, but most Texas frontier homes were best described by the future President of the United States, Ritherterd B. Hayes. He said settlers' homes had 'walls you

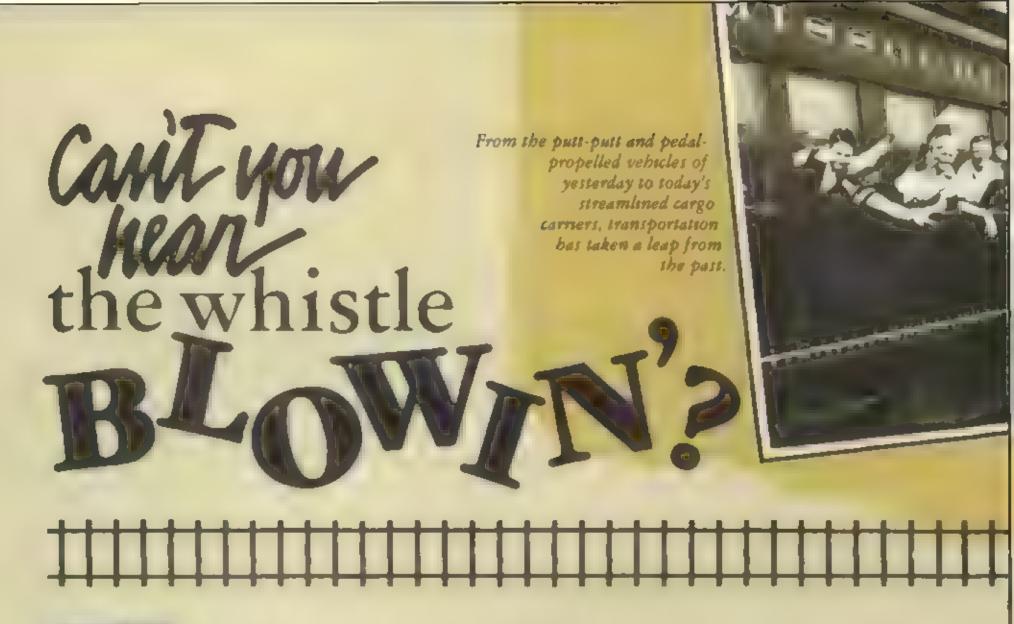
could throw a cat through at random.

For a state that could have produced fruits, vegetables and cereals and one where cattle were abundant, the diet of most early Texans was strangely monotonous. The most common vegetable was the sweet potato. People rarely are meat, and many didn't have milk and butter

The early Texas farm was almost self-sufficient Candles or lard-burning lamps provided light.

Below: Texas cotton production reaps \$1 billion annually More cotton is grown in Texas than any other state Far Below: A taste for freedom and a thirst for land to call their own led pioneer farmers to Texas.







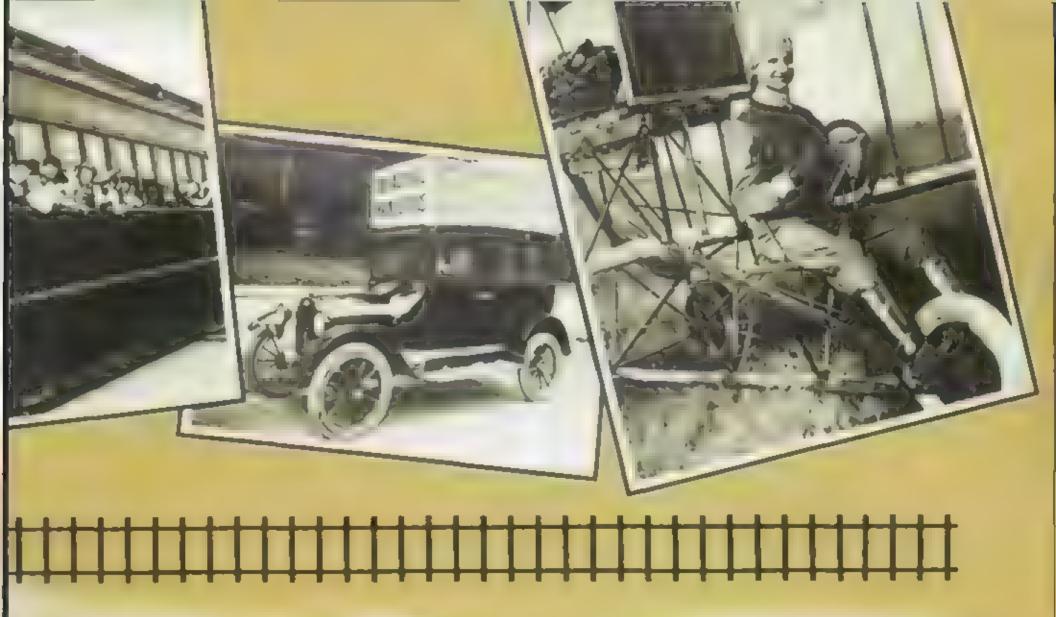
mong the first daring men to map trails through Texas were cattle drivers. The cattle drive era ended with the introduction of railroads, oil wells and fences. In 1866, an estimated 260,000 cattle were started on these trails for Sedalia and other railroad heads in Missouri from which cows would be shipped to profitable Northeastern markets

The best known cattle trail was the Chisholm Trail. It was opened in 1867 by Jesse Chisholm, a Cherokee Indian trader. The trail began in South Texas, ran by Austin and Lampasas, passed between Fort Worth and Weatherford, crossed the Red River and snaked through Indian territory to Caldwell, Kansas. Westward movement by farmers and ranchers forced the cattlemen to seek new trails. By the 1880s, every large division of West Texas had secured a tailroad, and from 1870 to 1930 the economic transformation of Texas assumed great proportions — largely because of railroads

By 1904, Texas contained more miles of railroad track than any other state. Although subsistence farming did not disappear, most farmers turned to the cash crop — cotton Commercial agriculture continued to provide a living for the majority of Texans until the beginning of oil production at Spindletop By the 1920s, the value of industrial production exceeded that of agricultural production. With the rise of cities and the decline of the agrarian state, industrialization had come to roost in Texas

To Texans of the late 19th century, railroads were the key to progress and prosperity. When a railroad bypassed a community, it was certain to become a ghost town. Many railroads were courted by citizens and sometimes railroads received gifts of free state land in exchange for placing their tracks by certain towns. The greatest beneficiary was the Texas and Pacific Railroad, which was given 5,167,360 acres. Approximately 32,150,000 acres of state land were awarded to railroad companies, an area as large as the entire state of Alabama

Construction of the bulk of the state's major railroads occurred during two decades. By the close of the 1890s, the state had 8,710 miles of railroad track. The Texas and Pacific Railway reached Fort Worth in 1876 and met the eastbound Southern Pacific at Sierra Blanca. Here the famous agreement between C.P. Huntington of the Southern Pacific and Jay Gould of the Texas and Pacific was reached. The two agreed to share rail lines from Sierra Blanca to El Paso. Among the major tailroad companies that built in Texas during this era were the Houston and Texas



Central, the Gulf, the Colorado and Santa Fe, the Fort Worth, the Denver City, the Texas and Pacific, the Southern Pacific and the International and Great Northern

The railroad industry suffered during the Great Depression and World War II. Railways fought a losing battle against automobiles, airplanes and the change to new transportation systems. Texas, however, remains number one in terms of railroad mileage and is served by seven class-one rail carriers. The primary rail tonnage originating in the state includes non-metallic mineral, chemical, farm, petroleum, wood and lumber products

The Texas highway system ranks among the nation's best. Federal interstates, state highways and rural roads link the regions of West and East Texas to the Panhandle, and all of South Texas to the Rio Grande River. The vastness of Texas demands a reliable network of roads. With a trip from El Paso to Orange being 860 miles, a New Englander could see several states traveling the same distance on the East Coast

As early as 1883, a project was begun to deepen the channel of Galveston's port. But in the annals of artificial ports, no story is more impressive than that of Houston's. In 1908, Houston citizens inaugurated a movement to secure a deep water channel By 1925, with \$10.6 million of federal and local funding, the channel was extended 55 miles from the Houston harbor to the outer harbor and deepened to 35 feet. Houston is now the leading port in Texas and one of the largest in the nation

Dominating developments in transportation during the postwar years were automobiles and airplanes. Motor vehicle registration rose from 2,192,654 in 1946 to 11,297,938 in 1978. Only California has more automobiles on the highway than Texas. Commercial air passenger service in Texas began in 1928. Growth was modest during World War II, but rapidly increased in the postwar years. Between 1965 and 1978, the number of people traveling by air in Texas tripled



This first-class locomotive was the first to operate in Texas in 1852. It was called the "General Sherman."



Before the first white settlements were established in Texas, Spanish missionaries were converting Indians to Christianity and teaching them Western traditions and ideals.

Education didn't become an issue in Texas government until Stephen F. Austin's first colony was settled. Each colony in 1836 was required to have a school to teach not just the "three R's," but a variety of subjects including history, rhetoric, composition, philosophy and foreign languages.



eligious organizations became nstrumental in the education of Texas' youth, and in the early 19th century, a variety of religious colleges were opened. The first, Rutersville College, opened its doors on Feb. 1, 1840. The founder was a Methodist named Martin Ruter. The Baptists

established Baylor University in 1845, Baylor, located in Waco, is the oldest continuously operated institution of higher learning in the state

When Texas entered the Union in 1845, its constitution pledged to make changes in the field of education. Later, the state adopted a schedule of funding schools through property taxes

A schoolhouse established in 1890 was still standing in 1965



The Morill Act in 1862 prompted the founding of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical University to promote agricultural education. The next major educational development occurred in 1915 when the Compulsory Attendance Law was passed. This law required children between the ages of 8 and 14 to attend school for 60 days-ayear, unless the child had a proper excuse. The law was amended in 1918 to require 80 days of attendance and amended again in 1919 to require 100 days of attendance. In 1949, State Senator A M. Aiken supported a series of bills through the legislature aimed at improving education. The new system immediately showed positive results, and the quality of education in Texas grew to become respected nationwide

War II led to a drop in college enrollment, but enrollment soared in 1944 with the introduction of the GI Bill of Rights and the flood of returning veterans wanting to enroll in college. The growth in college enrollment continued through the 1960s and into the 1970s. However, the role of education and its influence on our lifestyles may change in the future if enrollment figures at the high school and university level continue to drop—a recent trend attributed to a decline in the birth rate after 1967. In addition, university budget reductions and a tightening of student loan requirements have forced both schools and students to economize their educational opportunities



Early Spanish missions add a sense of history to or a on 1 xx

Give me mat old time RELIGION

The 1837 "Ecclesiastical Committee of Vigilance for Texas" was more likely to find a group of rough, rowdy Texans preferring to raise hell than seek salvation. Nevertheless, the committee's efforts were undaunted, and the missionary zeal that brought Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian ministers to Texas lives in many counties today.



hen the state entered the Union in 1845 — 12.5 percent of the population belonged to a church Camp revivals soon became a way to relieve the monotony of the frontier. Baptists were among the first to pioneer changes in the wicked West and the religious press. Texas Baptist George

Washington Baines (Lyndon Baines Johnson's grandfather) published the Texas Baptist from 1855 to 1861. The Cumberland Presbyterians followed with the Texas Presbyterian

Evangelism was spread by publicity gained through the efforts of individuals and groups like William Y. Allen and his Texas Temperance Society. Many religious leaders did more than fight hard liquor. Organized religion opened the first colleges in the state. Many fought illiteracy. Thomas J. Pilgrim, a Baptist, started the Texas Sunday School Movement. The founding of Baylor University in 1845 prompted many religious organizations to seek education as a means of sending their message.

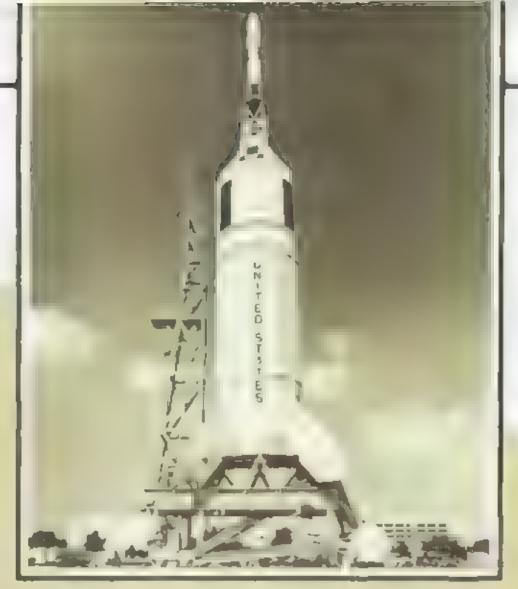
Some religious groups appealed to the diverse immigrant population. German, Czechoslovakian, Polish and Hispanic people were Catholic. By 1860 over 30 percent of the Texas population was

black and many joined the Baptist church. Famous religious leaders became advocates of social justice Joseph Martin Dawson, a Baptist, fought child labor, exploitation of immigrants, advocated women's rights and rebuked the Ku Klux Klan

In 1950, the Baptist General Convention created the Christian Life Commission, an activist agency dedicated to applied Christianity. They opposed universal military training in the early 1950s, defended the supreme court's desegregation and school prayer decisions of the early 1960s, sanctioned abortion under certain circumstances, promoted sex education, urged a settlement in Viet Nam, and fought against air and water pollution

Texas Catholics like Archbishop Robert E Lucey placed the church in support of the underprivileged. He championed rights to decent wages, racial integration, housing, equality and health services

Today 56 percent of the Texas population belong to organized congregations



For several decades, Americans have watched with anticipation as astronauts reported to Mission Control in Houston.



Much ado about Everything

The Astrodome, "eighth wonder of the world," was the first fully air-conditioned, enclosed, domed, multipurpose-sports stadium in the world. The stadium seats 66,000 and could hold an 18-story building. The Astrodome is the home of the Houston Oilers football team and the Houston Astros baseball team



The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, NASA, was formed in 1958 by the National Aeronautics and Space Act signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, The Manned Spacecraft Center is an astronautical complex of more than 1,000 acres located near Houston. It is here that the spacecraft that have been to the moon and back are displayed.



The Texas Flag was adopted by the Congress of the Republic of Texas on Jan. 25, 1839. Texas became known as the Lone Star State because of the single star on the flag.



Chili became the state dish of Texas in 1977. Chili is similar to stew cooked with a variety of ingredients, ranging from jackrabbit, rattlesnake and pork to jalapenos, frijoles, cayenne and comino. Texans pride themselves on their chili recipes and host many chili cook-offs to show off their culinary expertise.

Tidbits and fun facts for those in pursuit of trivia.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz was born on Feb. 24, 1885, in Fredericksburg, Texas. He graduated seventh in his class from the United States Naval Academy in 1905. In 1938, he was promoted to rear admiral At the outbreak of World War II, President Roosevelt chose Nimitz to be Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet. This appointment made Nimitz one of the most powerful commanders up to that time.

Sam Houston was born in Virginia in 1793. At age 36 he married an Indian woman and later moved to Texas as an agent of the Cherokee tribe. He was elected major general of the Texas army and signed the Texas Declaration of Independence in 1836. Following his victory over Santa Anna, he became the first president of the Republic of Texas. He later served 14 years as a U.S. Senator from Texas.

The Longhorn evolved into their own tough breed in South Texas when they were abandoned to run wild when Texas won its independence from Mexico. The Longhorns were the first cattle raised in Texas for breeding and selling They were transported to the northern slaughter houses via the famous Chisholm trail to Kansas. The state herd of longhorns is at Fort Griffin, on the Brazos River



The King Ranch began its exciting organization in 1852 when Captain Richard King acquired 54,000 acres of grassland on Santa Gertrudis Creek in South Texas. It is now international, with the Texas ranch alone covering more than 1,500 square miles. The King Ranch has always set and maintained the highest standards for farming, cattle and horse breeding and all other facets of ranching. Their extensive scientific research program developed the Santa Gertrudis breed of cattle, which is the only recognized variety of purebred cattle developed in America.

The Astrodome, called the "eighth wonder of the world," is so immense — once water condensed in the top forming clouds, and



More Inivia ...

Lyndon Baines Johnson (1908-1973), was the 36th President of the United States (1963-1969) and a native Texan from Stonewall, Johnson's sweeping social reforms earned his administration the nickname, "The Great Society." Johnson assumed the presidency in 1963 after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas on November 22

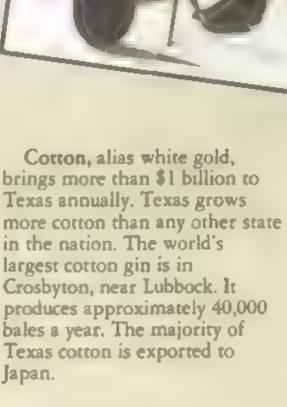
The Tyler Rose from Tyler, in East Texas, represents more than 375 varieties of roses grown in Tyler. Tyler supplies roses for half the nation, with more than 15 million rose bushes grown commercially every year.



Mesquite, Prosopis juliflora, is a hearty tree well known in Texas for its survival in the dryest places. Not all ranchers and farmers appreciate this shade tree, as the tree tends to rob the soil of its nutrients and water. Its beans have been used as a coffee substitute.



The Texas State Capitol, in Austin, is the largest state capitol in the nation. It is a beautiful building with a fabulous double dome. More than 15,000 carloads of Texas pink granite were used in its constructed by a company from Chicago in exchange for three million acres of Panhandle land.





The Bluebonnet, Lupinas texenis, became the state flower in 1901. It is a lovely, blueish flower covering the hills of central Texas from late March to early May.

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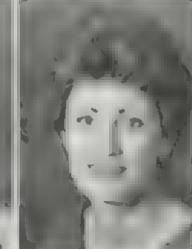


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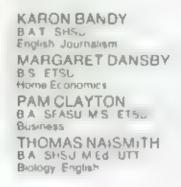


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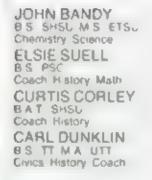








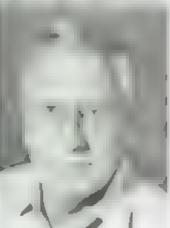










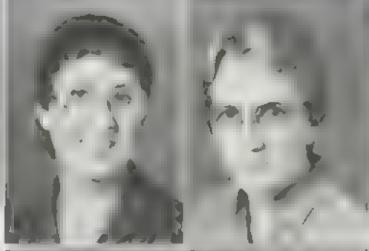


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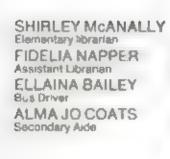
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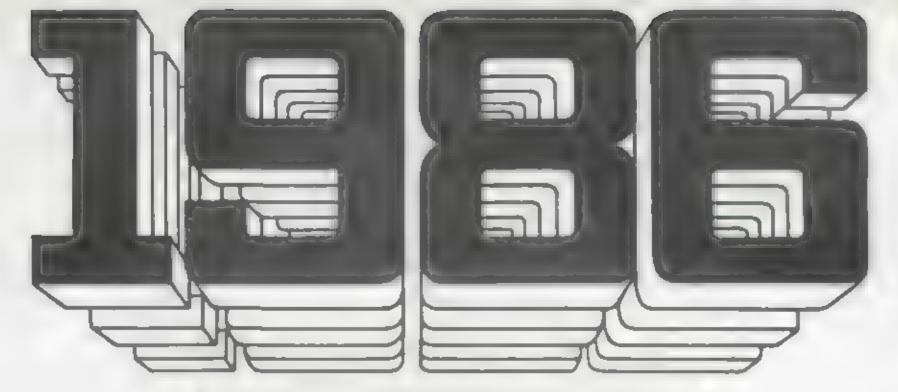














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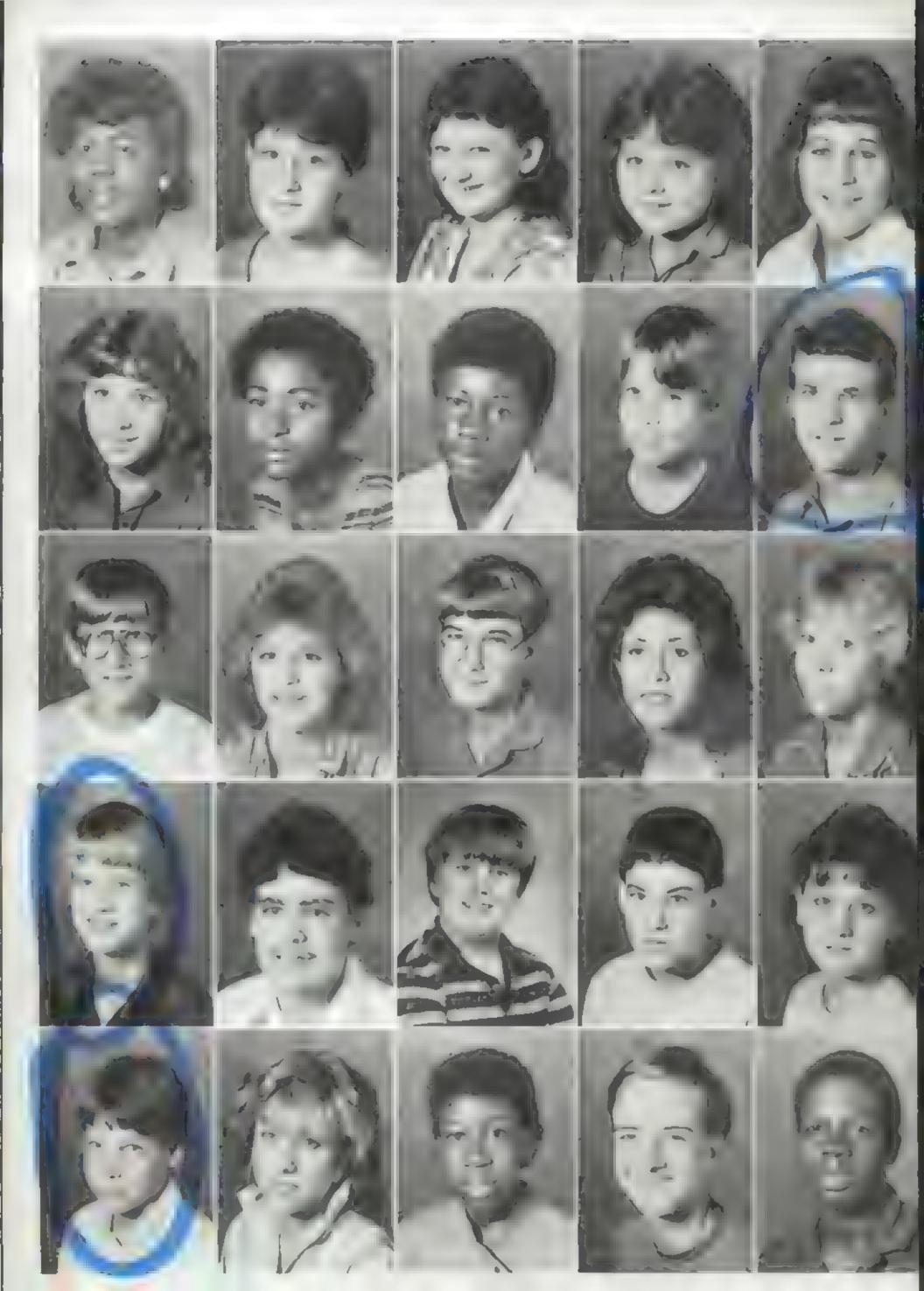
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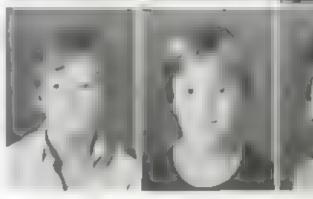
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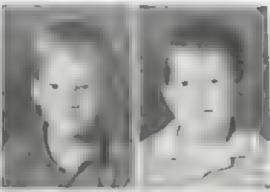
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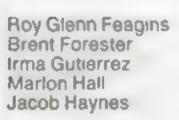




















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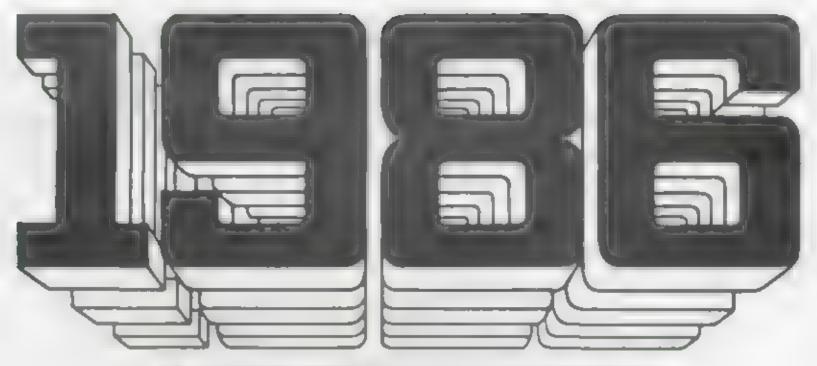
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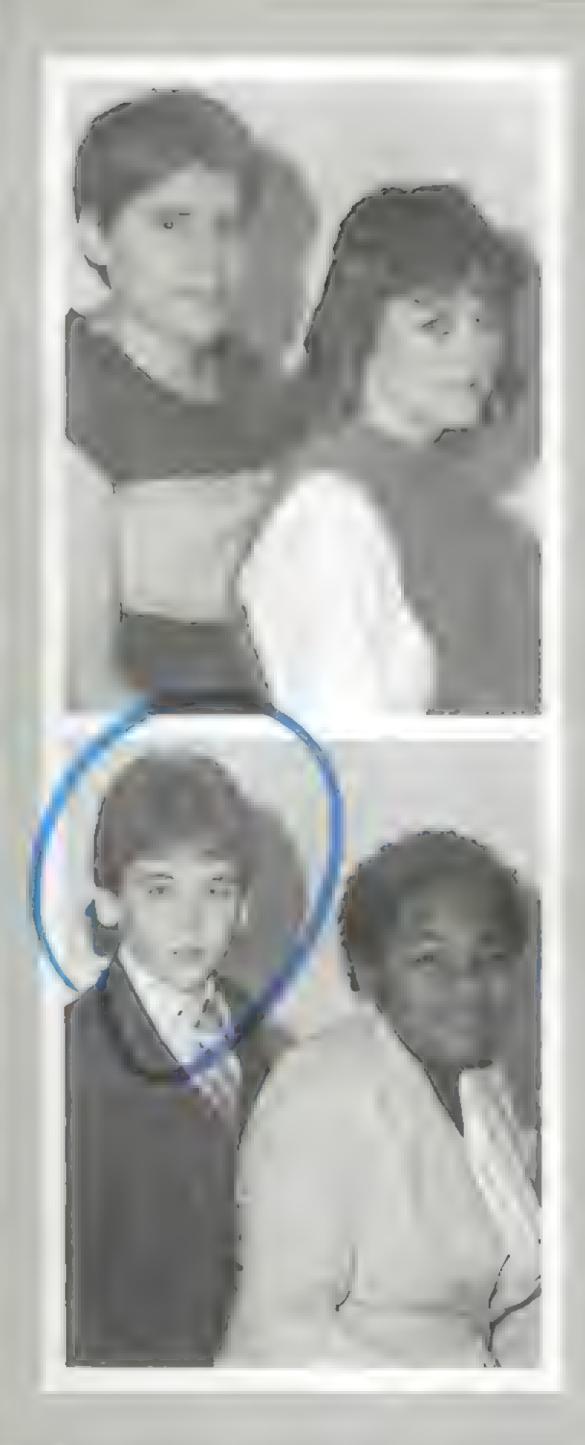
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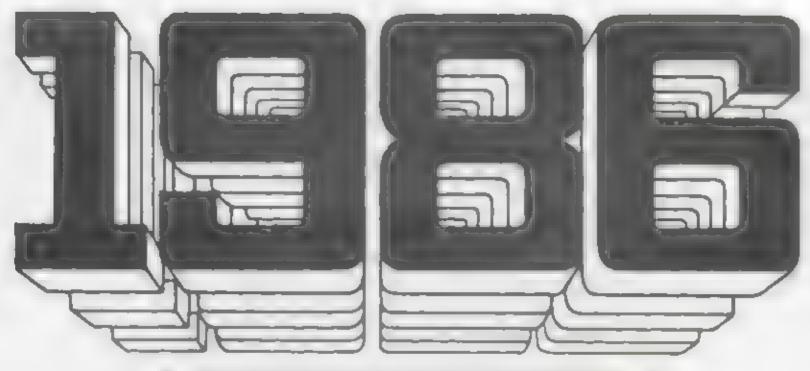


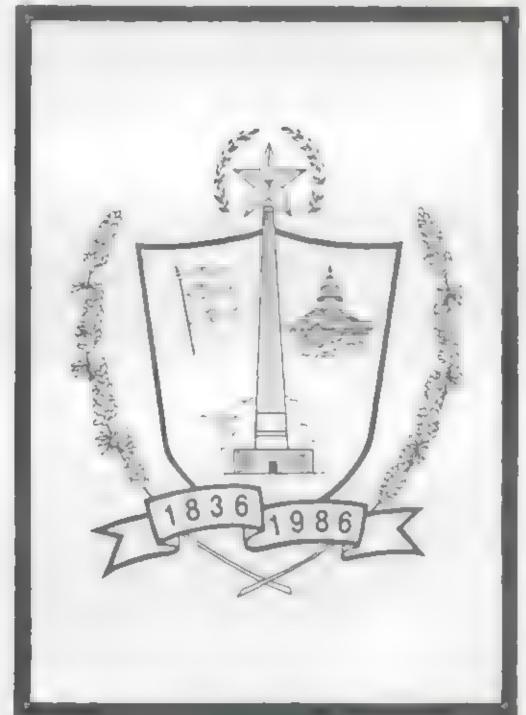
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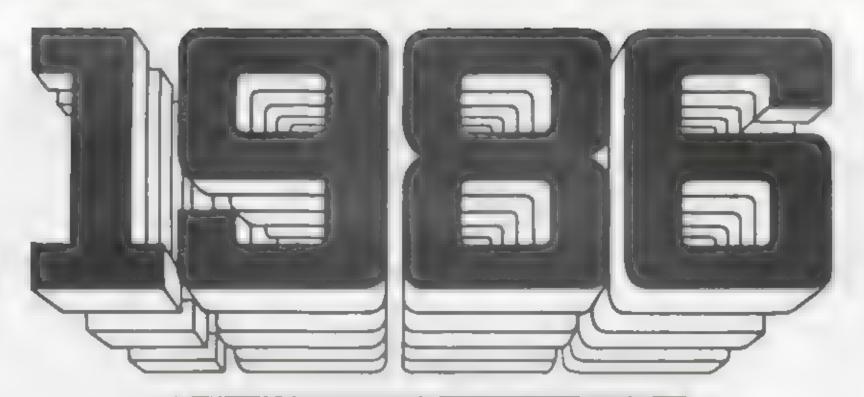


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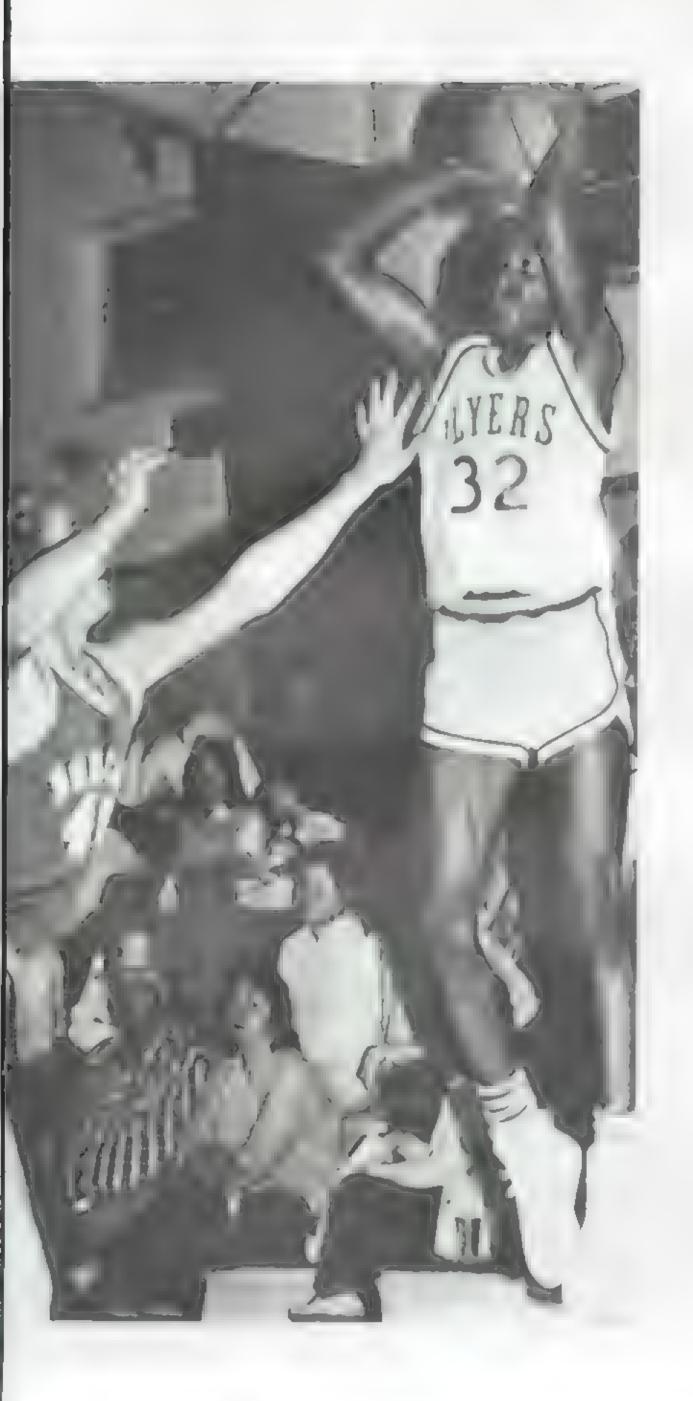
















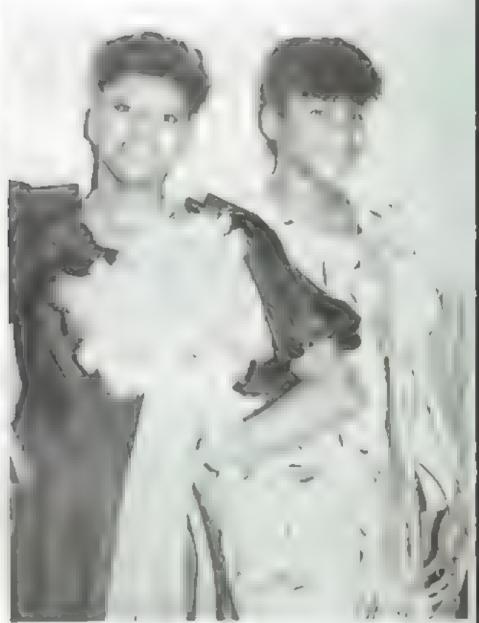












































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It has been my intention to bind memories into this book, as years go by, I hope everyone will treasure them more and more.

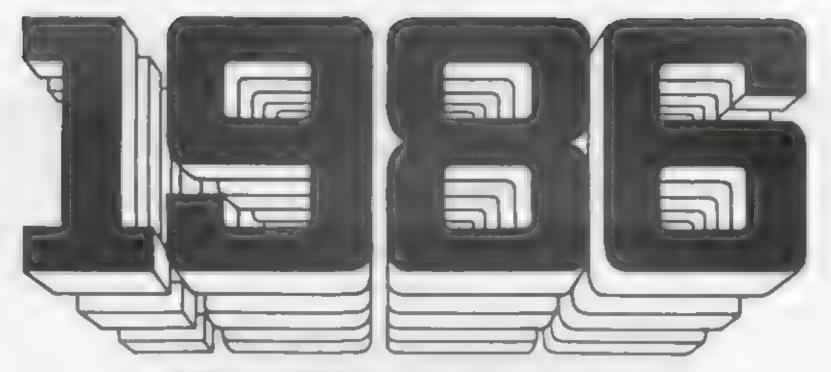
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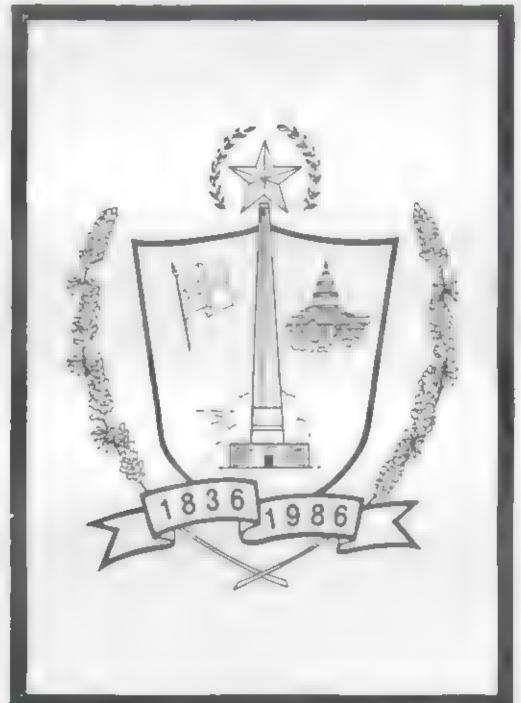


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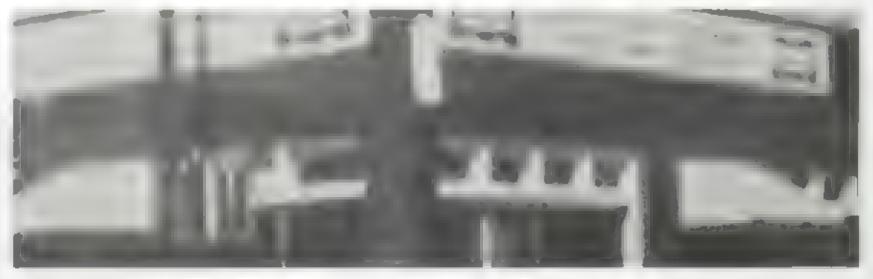
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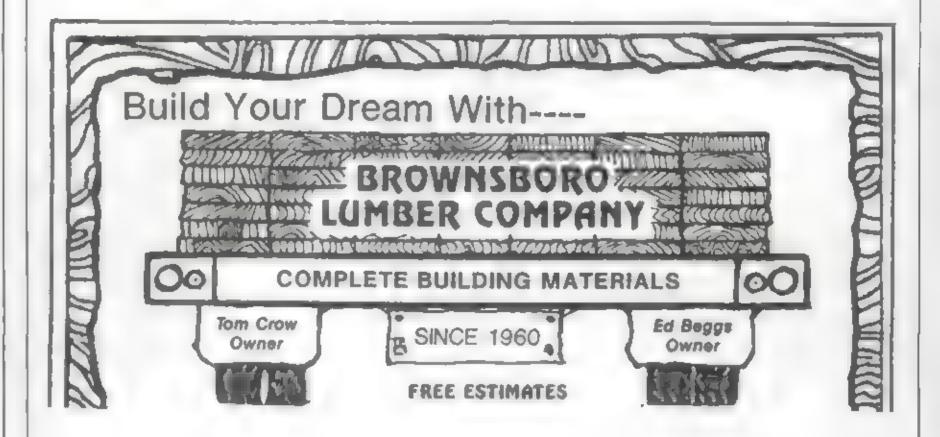
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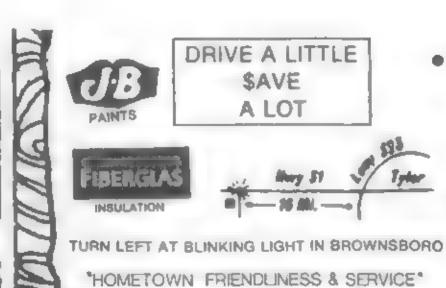
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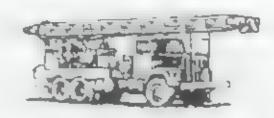
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